

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claims 4-6 and 8 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bringe moot.

The only other claims remaining in the application are claims 1, 2 and 10, which have been allowed.

Accordingly, the present application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

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